



## **New Website to Keep Public Up-to-Date on Storrs Center Construction**

May 23, 2011 – With physical work set to begin on the site of the future Storrs Center, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership has a new website (<http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>) where residents and visitors can find out the latest information about the Storrs Center project and the progress of construction. The website will be updated frequently with information provided by the development team, including the Town of Mansfield, the University of Connecticut, master developer LeylandAlliance, and Education Realty Trust (EDR).

The website will serve as a central source for construction-related information. There will be several components underway at overlapping times, including the demolition of the former UConn Publications building and of 13 and 14 Dog Lane (former Select Physical Therapy building and former bank building, respectively), enhancements to the Bishop Center parking lots (located off of Dog Lane), and initial Storrs Road/Route 195 work.

During the work on the Storrs Road improvement project, the plans are to maintain a lane of travel in each direction. However, there may be days when traffic may be limited to one alternating lane for brief periods to accommodate construction efforts. In those instances, the information will be posted on the construction website as early as possible so that residents who live, work, attend school, shop, or travel in the area can plan accordingly.

Links to the construction website may be found on the Partnership's, Town's, and Storrs Center's websites or accessed directly at this address <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>. Construction-related questions should be directed to [StorrsCenterInfo@mansfieldct.org](mailto:StorrsCenterInfo@mansfieldct.org). For more information about the Partnership, the Storrs Center project, or other Partnership activities, please visit [www.mansfieldct.org/mdp](http://www.mansfieldct.org/mdp).

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*Storrs Center will be a mixed-use town center and main street corridor at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut and the University of Connecticut. Located along Storrs Road adjacent to the University, the Town Hall, the regional high school, and the community center, Storrs Center will include a new town square across from the University's improved fine arts center. The new town center will occupy approximately 17 acres of the overall 47.7 acre site and will include a new Town Square and a smaller Market Square across from Town Hall. The remainder of the site will be preserved primarily for open space and conservation. The town plan will knit architecture, pedestrian-oriented streets, small lanes, and public spaces into a series of small neighborhoods that will make up the new fabric of the town center. Ground floor retail and commercial uses opening onto landscaped sidewalks and intimate streets will reinforce traditional street front activity and shared community spaces and will be supported by residences above and throughout the neighborhood. Storrs Center will combine retail, restaurant, and office uses with a variety of residence types including studios, town*

*homes, condominium apartments, and rental apartments. Structured and surface parking will be provided.*

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